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**Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/849,967  
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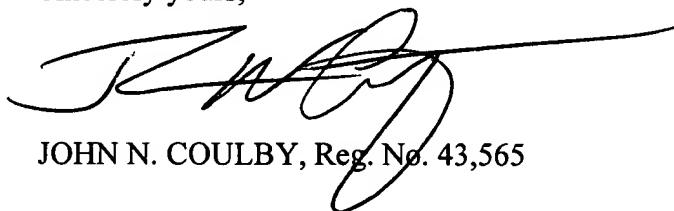
Dear Sir:

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- (1) Request for Continued Examination (1 sheet);
- (2) Petition for Extension of Time (1 sheet);
- (3) Preliminary Amendment (15 sheets); and
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